

# City of Center

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

### May 13, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center, Missouri for their regular monthly meeting with COVID-19 social distancing protocols and the meeting was carried on Face Book Live. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Alderman Tom Bramblett, Alderman Shawn Couch, Attorney Joe Brannon, and Acting City Clerk Jeanne Franke. Alderman Cristy Browning was absent as her daughter was in labor with a new baby.

Mayor Dennis McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken. The agenda was reviewed. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0. There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

**Approval of March 4, 2020 minutes:** Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 minutes. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **Audit Update:**

Mayor McMillen advised the State Auditors finished their report and sent on to their supervisor, Todd Schuler. He has requested additional information on several items that we have sent to him.. We are still waiting to hear back when the final report will be submitted to the State Auditor. As we stated before, the auditors will then have an exit meeting with the Aldermen and then turn their results over to the Attorney General to determine further action.

#### **Old Business:**

**Police Truck update:** Mayor McMillen advised the police truck had been taken to Boland's for recall repair and the passenger side outside mirror had been re-ordered.

**Old Mowers Repair:** Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to have the old Kubota repaired and to fix-up and clean-up other stored equipment not being used and put all items up for bid. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **New Business:**

**Flag Poles at Mason Park and Veterans Park:** Estimates have been received on two flagpoles, one at Mason Park and the other at Veterans Park. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to replace the workings on the two flagpoles, paint the poles and add a new ball at the top of each at a cost of approximately \$600.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Building Inspector Fee:** The Building Inspection Permit Fee to a resident is \$25.00 each. After discussion, it was decided unanimously to pay the Building Inspector \$15.00 for each permit issued by check, not cash.

**Sewer Availability Fee:** Further clarification on the \$15.00/month availability fee stands with the current ordinance #233, 01/09/2019, stating any sewer connected to the city sewer system would be charged with or without water usage.

**Roofing bid City & Town Hall:** Roofing bid from Rudy's Roofing to extend warranty by 10 years for \$6400.00 has been tabled for more information of when original roofing was installed.

**Fire Chief Brian Boleach request for new radios:** Table until next month. Need actual quotes.

**Request for 2<sup>nd</sup> license for city accounting software, Quick Books:** Acting City Clerk, Jeanne Franke, requested to spend \$400 on additional software license. Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to

spend \$400.00 for an additional Quick Book's license so both computers could access the city accounting programs at the same time. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Town Hall bathroom up-grade:** Need to request a quote on Town Hall bathroom; replacing toilet with a taller one and installing handicap, type rails around the toilet area.

**Resident request to remove broken sidewalk in front of home:** Shawn Couch made a motion to approve Danielle Howald's request to remove broken sidewalk in front of home with the provision that the hole created in doing so be filled in with dirt and left with a good appearance and no interference with the flow of the ditch. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Highway Department to resurface part of city pavement in 2021:** MODOT requesting commitment of \$21,000 from Center to extend highway surface to sidewalks in the business district. Brian Nietedt, MODOT contacted Mayor McMillen about upcoming resurfacing of Hwy H into city limits (from Ely St. to 4-way) at Hwy 19. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve \$21,000 to MODOT for the resurfacing project probably in 2021. MODOT will only resurface a 20-foot wide area in the middle. The city is financially responsible from that point to the sidewalks on both sides. The City will also be responsible for the risers and manhole covers at the access points. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Pools and Fences:** Attorney Joe Brannon stated he had researched and written a proposed ordinance several months ago and no action was taken at that time. After discussion, the aldermen concluded that this was an issue to be decided by each resident and their insurance company as to their own liability and risk. No action required at this time.

Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to pay the April and May 2020 bills. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Informational Items:**

Mayor McMillen advised that all financial reports from 2015 through 2019 have been filed with the Department of Revenue. He has sent emails to Representative Hansen and Senator O'Laughlin to request the fines be rescinded. Hansen responded that a bill is in the house now that addresses the issue of illegal conduct within a small city. He does not know if it will pass this session with only one week left. O'Laughlin did not reply.

Mayor McMillen stated that a pump went out at the Lift Station this past week. The reserved pump the city bought last year was installed by S&S Electric and the defective pump was taken back for analysis and a quote to repair or replace to have on stand-by.

Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel issue. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Next Council meeting will be June 3, 2020 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Franke  
Acting City Clerk  
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